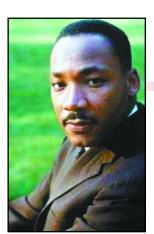


YN1 Thomas G. Lindamood/U.S. Navy photo

THE SPARTAN SCOUT, a 7-meter long unmanned surface vehicle (USV) developed by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, is loaded aboard the cruiser USS Gettysburg last month in Mayport, Fla., to operate with the USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group in the Arabian Gulf. Story and another picture, Page 16.



# Observances due Dr. King

The Department of the Navy encourages military bases to hold observances to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King.

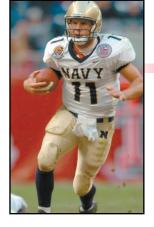
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# Visiting ship is jumbo size

At 950 feet and 62,644 tons, the USNS Charlton casts a huge shadow at Naval Station Newport's Pier Two.

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# Midshipmen cap season

The Naval Academy Midshipmen cap a proud football season at the Houston Bowl last month.

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TOYS FOR TOTS — Staff Sqt. Richard Rainone, right, Marine Corps Detachment, Newport, accepts the Chapel of Hope's contributions to the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots drive from Naval Station Newport's acting Executive Officer, Cmdr. Wayne J. Bergeron last month. At left is Religious Program Specialist Second Class Christian Bell.

### All anthrax shots suspended

Since 1998, the Department Anthrax. of Defense has safely vaccinated over one million military, emergency-essential civilians, nations for military, civilian and mission-essential contractor personnel to provide vital protection against all forms of anthrax disease.

But last Dec. 22, a U.S. District Court judge for the District of Columbia ordered a preliminary injunction against annual booster. further anthrax vaccinations without consent of the individual.

The judge did not rule against the safety of the vaccine, but against the complete-Administration's

Therefore, the CNO has directed that all anthrax vaccipersonnel, and family members be suspended until further notice.

This applies to personnel not previously vaccinated and licensed for use against inhalapersonnel currently undergoing the six shot basic series and

The directive applies to all personnel regardless of their current location.

Voluntary vaccinations are also suspended.

All vaccinations previously (FDA's) rately recorded in the medical (703) 601-1716, DSN 329-1716, process to approve the vaccine record and electronically sub- or for use against inhalation mitted to the Defense Eligibili- kari.buchanan@navy.mil

ty Enrollment System (DEERS) via service automated immunization tracking systems.

The temporary suspension is pending the clarification of the legal situation. The focus of the legal ruling is whether the vaccine is properly tion anthrax (not cutaneous or gastrointestinal), and not whether the vaccine is considered safe.

Anyone with questions should contact Cmdr. James Mitchell at (703) 601-1717, DSN 329-1717, or email james.w.mitchell@navy.mil or ness of the Food and Drug administered are to be accu- Lt. Cmdr. Kari Buchanan at

# Navy to celebrate Dr. King's birthday

will be Monday, Jan. 19, and will mark the 75th birthday of Dr. King and the 18th anniversary of this national holiday.

The theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!"

Dr. King dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. Through his example, he taught the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, and service that so radiantly defined his character and leadership.

In April of 1968, he said, "Let us rise up...with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity resources. to make America a better nation.'

readiness and determination mail: Otis.robinson@navy.mil.

The 2004 Dr. Martin Luther are exhibited each day King Jr. Holiday observance throughout the Navy's nearly 400,000-member active duty force and in the actions of the thousands of sailors in the naval reserve.

> In the words of Force Master Chief (SW/AW) Karen H. O'Connor, attached to Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific, "Martin Luther King's lessons transcend color—they taught us to value each other's differences and to accept each other for who we are as individuals. Our Navy is the strongest in the world because our teamwork is based on this same foundation."

From Jan. 19 to 23, everyone is strongly encouraged to commemorate the holiday consistent with current mission and

Point of contact is Yeoman First Class (AW) Otis Robinson characteristics of at (901) 874-4073/DSN 882; e-

#### Choristers seek members

ters are seeking new members members 16 years or older. in all voice ranges for the Spring 2004 musical season.

group performs concerts to benefit local charitable organizations. Since its founding in 1953, the Choristers have raised over \$300,000 for area groups.

The Choristers will perform three concerts - one in March, and two in May.

Membership is open to active duty, reserve and retired

The Newport Navy Choris- military, DoD, and family There are no auditions for the main chorus, and you do not Beginning its 51th year, the have to be able to read music to join.

> The Choristers meet Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 8:45 in the Quinn Lecture Room at the Naval War College. The first rehearsal of the new season was this week, and the last opportunity to join is Jan. 13.

For additional information, please call Steve Larson at 847-



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THE HEAT IS ON — Darren DeSouto, left, maintenance mechanic, and Frank DeSouza, carpenter, Naval Station Newport Public Works Dept., install a new boiler in Building 18, Coasters' Harbor Island.

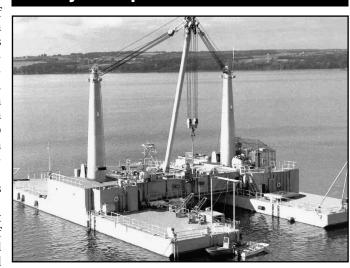
# **Public Works Department** marks year of successes

The Public Works Department (PWD) and the Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC) both successful vears improving facilities and providing services at Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA). Successes ranged from receiving recognition from the Secretary of the Navy to the award of multi-million dollar construction contracts.

Some of the highlights were:

- Naval Station Newport received the Secretary of Navy's FY02 Blue Level **Energy Conservation Award** in August 2003 as recognition for executing a comprehensive energy conservation program based on senior level command involvement, well staffed and trained energy teams, aggressive awareness campaigns, execution of innovative energy conservation measures and consistent reduction in energy consumption.
- NAVSTA was recognized by the CNO for the FY02 of the Weight Handling Bronze Hammer Award in Equipment (WHE) Program August 2003 for exceptional at Naval Undersea Warfare PUBLIC WORKS, Page 13

#### **Navy Newport 2003**



The MacGregor crane at the Seneca Lake Sonar Test Facility at Dresden, N.Y., was certified by NAVSTA Public Works' six-man Crane Inspection and License Team in 2003. The facility, which conducts deep water experiments, is a field station of the Naval Sea Systems Command.

progress improving naval Center (NUWC) which is shore through their Self-Help Pro-

• The Navy Crane Center (NCC) conducted an audit

establishment supported by Naval Station Public Works Department Crane Team. All categories of cranes sampled for audit purposes passed with a 100 percent satisfactory mark. This was a rare accomplishment and the NCC praised

#### **Newport Naval Cable TV**

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- We'll give you a look back 6777. at some of the top headlinemaking Navy and Marine Corps stories from 2003 with news anchor, Staff Sgt. Steven Williams.
- We visit with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark for an in-depth look at the Navy's accomplishments of 2003, and a look forward to what 2004 may have in store.
- Rock Band Dishwall's MWR Music Video.

#### **Health and Wellness Videos**

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center and the Health Promotion Action Council offer Health education and wellness programs on channel 13, daily, following Navy and Marine Corps News. During next week's featured segments, beginning Jan. 12, learn more about Insomnia and Migraine

News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., ed in classroom/video pronoon and 5:30 p.m. on channel grams or in participating in the 11. Look for the following sto- Health Promotion Action ries and more on this week's Council, call the Health Promotion Department at 841-

#### Fleet and Family Support

Parents and teenagers may be interested in the Fleet and Family Support Center video series. These programs deal with a variety of topics, which are of interest to children of all ages, and families.

The programs air daily on channel 11 at 10 a.m., and 1:30 and 7 p.m. The weekly schedule is displayed below.

DAY	TITLE
Friday	The Persecuted
through	
Sunday	1.0
Monday	The 'Bad' Child
Tuesday	The Most Common
	Family Illness
Wednesday	Help for the
	Family
Thursday	Health for the
	Family

#### A number of things...

#### \$300,000

The amount of money raised by the Newport Navy Choristers since 1953. New members are welcome for the 2004 season, with concerts in March and May.

Story, Page 2.

#### 395,000

The number of square feet of cargo space in the 950-foot USNS Charlton at Pier Two, one of 20 roll on/roll off cargo ships in the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command fleet. Story, Pages 8-9.



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Newport Navalog, Friday, January 09, 2004

# Navy seeks feedback in 5 Vector Model test

By NETC Public Affairs Office

(5VM), which will soon become the primary career construction career fields. management tool for all Sailors.

In a recent message to the fleet (NAVADMIN 307/03), and Training, announced the to prepare the 5VM for intro-

test includes additional enlist-PENSACOLA, Fla. — The ed ratings not previously test-Navy is soliciting feedback on ed, including those from aviaa test of the 5 Vector Model tion, surface engineering, cryptologic technician and

> ratings included on the 5VM by March or early April 2004.

Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr., eventually be a key part of Director of Naval Education every Sailor's career tool box," said Harms. "It will play a crit-BETA test, a second in a series ical role in professional and personal growth and develop-

duction to the fleet. The BETA ment, the distribution process, learning opportunities and delivery of knowledge, and improved fleet readiness."

When fully functional, the 5VM will help Sailors deter-Harms projects having all mine their professional status, pinpoint career milestones, and identify the skill require-"The 5 Vector Model will ments they need for specific jobs in the fleet. They will also be able to review and compare their career path with alternative routes, view their Electronic Training Jacket (ETJ), and enroll in online courses.

> Sailors can now access a demonstration and tutorial for the 5VM via the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Website at www.nko.navy.mil. Those in ratings which are part of the BETA test can also provide feedback through NKO.

"Constructive Sailor feedback is vital to this process," said Harms. "Input from the fleet will enable us to work out any system bugs, enhance usability and make necessary upgrades."

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#### **Letter of Commendation:**

HM3 Geoffrey Goodale, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from Commander, Navy Region Northeast, July 23, 2003

Lt. Scott Clark, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from Commanding Officer, Detention Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, July 23, 2003

HN Roger Roberts, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from Commanding Officer, Detention Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, July 23, 2003

#### Civilian Length of Service Awards:

Paul R. Trial, Naval Station Newport Supply Department, 15 Years, July 16, 2003

Mark R. Luther, Naval Station Newport Fire Department, 15 Years, July 16, 2003

Sylvia L. Oliveira, Naval Station Newport Supply Department, 15 Years, July 16, 2003

Gregory Jackson, Naval Station Newport Public Works Department, 20 Years, July 16, 2003

Mark E. Marshall, Naval Station Newport Combined Bachelor Housing, 20 Years, July 16, 2003

David H. Preston, Naval Station Newport Public Works Department, 20 Years, July 16, 2003

Carl E. Davis, Naval Station Newport Combined Bachelor Housing, 20 Years, July 16, 2003

John R. Oliveira, Naval Station Newport Public Works Department, 35 Years, July 16, 2003

#### Recognition:

FC2 James Pruett as Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, July 17,

ET1 Kurt Nauenberg as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command,

Surface Warfare Officers School Command, winner of Chief of Naval Operations 2002 Safety Award, for "Small Shore Activity, Non-Industrial.'

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#### Fleet and Family Support Center

ers, and can be part of a job security clearance process.

A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will be conducting a workshop, The Credit Process, at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and learn how to read, understand, and correct your credit report. Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-

Relationship enhancement-The Fleet and Family Support Center is conducting a workshop for individuals and couples who would like to learn about some proven ways to improve communication in their personal relationships. The six-session workshop begins Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m..

#### Birth



Kaylin Renée Amaral, daughter of Master-at-Arms First Class Joshua Amaral and Operations Specialist Third Class Christina Amaral, of Fall River, Mass., was born Dec. 10, 2003 at Newport Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 1/4 inches long at birth. MA1 Amaral is assigned to Naval Security Force, Naval Station Newport. OS3 Amaral is assigned to the Naval Station Newport Command Support Department.

Registration is required. Call Center. 841-2283.

If you sometimes have prob-Stress management — A lems coping with day-to-day burnout, and learn how to ter on Thursday, Jan. 15, from Stress Management workshop situations, or just need some regain control of stressful situis scheduled for Wednesday, relief from stress on the job or Jan. 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at at home, then this workshop is the Fleet and Family Support for you. Learn how to assess

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There will be displays of accessories and gear for every style and class of watercraft at two sites for one admission price.

Show hours are today from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For tickets and more information, call (508) 992-6658.

#### FRIDAY, Jan. 9

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
- Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Education Funding 10:30 a.m. A workshop to provide information for obtaining financial resources for college education, including investment options and strategies and tax advantaged plans.
  - Lovers' Night Out, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Lunch and Learn Movie Matinee (Identity Theft), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Call 841-2283 for more information.

•Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome.

Recreation Center movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: Freaky Friday (PG) and Cabin Fever (R).

• Saturday Night Fever, Part of the Contemporary Class Series, is performed through Jan. 11 at Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosett Street, Providence, For more information, call 421-ARTS, or visit www.ppacri.org

#### SATURDAY, Jan. 10

- Soup kitchen, 4:30 p.m., Community Baptist Church, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome.
- · Seal watch cruise, 1 and 2 p.m., departing from Bowen's Landing, Newport. Sponsored by Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation and Save the Bay, passengers will explore seal habitat and learn the fascinating history and migratory habits of harbor seals. Adults, 18; children under 12 and seniors, 15. Also, Jan. 11, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Jan. 17, 9 a.m.; Jan. 18, 9 and 10 a.m.; Jan. 24, 1:30 and 2:30
- Avenue of the Arts, Providence. Call 831-3123, or visit www.ri-philhar-



REAL SEAL WATCHING — The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation and Save the Bay offer one-hour harbor sealwatching cruises this winter aboard the M/V Alletta Morris. Call (401) 272-3540, ext. 133, for dates and times

SUNDAY, Jan. 11

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship
- Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and
- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday bowling, Sea view Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane. MONDAY, Jan. 12
- Armed Services YMCA (846-
- Parents Time Out, 8 a.m. to 1
- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.

#### TUESDAY, Jan. 13

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
- Fitness Hour 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Scrapbooking, 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 to crop
- Adult Beginner Sewing 1, 9 a.m. to noon
- Fleet and Family Support Center - Credit Process, 11:30 a.m. to 1
- p.m. Learn how to establish credit. correct credit problems and rebuild good credit. Call 841-2283 for more information.
- Relationship Enhancement Workshop, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Six-session workshop for individuals and couples to learn ways to improve communications in personal relationships.
- Newport Navy Choristers rehearsal, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Quinn Lecture Room at Naval War College. New members welcome, Call 847-4256 or 423-3523 for more information

• Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m. Military volunteers welcome.

#### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14

- Armed Services YMCA (846-
- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to
- Kids Sewing 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Also, Jan. 15, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Fleet and Family Support Center, Stress Management Workshop, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Learn some proven techniques to lower your stress level. Call
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m. Military volunteers welcome.

#### THURSDAY, Jan. 15

- Armed Services YMCA(846-9622)
- Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Parent and Toddler Playgroup, 10:45 a.m. to noon.
- Fleet and Family Support Center, Car Buying, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hear how to get the best price on your next car. Call 841-2283 for more information.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport: 5 p.m. Military volunteers welcome.

#### Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Jr.

**Upcoming:** Day. Federal holiday.

Ian. 24 — A Salute to Jazz Vocalists, 7 p.m., Rosecliff mansion, Jazz vocalists Shawn Monteiro and Steve Marvin will perform. Admission, \$35. For more information, call 847-1000, ext. 140

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free tax preparation and electronic tax filing. Tax preparation services will be offered at the major local commands.

To accomplish this task, the tax program relies on Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

These are tax preparers \_ ordinary people who give their time and talent to help their shipmates file returns. Many of these volunteers were able to get time off from their regular duties to prepare taxes; others worked what hours they could fit into their busy sched-

teers. You don't need to be a nough.

Once again, the Naval Legal tax whiz to volunteer - we will Service Office will coordinate train you. We can be flexible in your scheduling and work with your command.

> Volunteers will need to be available at least one evening a week from Jan. 26 to April 15, 2004. Training will be held from Jan. 20 to 23.

> If you're interested in becoming a tax volunteer, inform your chain of command or call Lt. Sean Cogley or Legalman Second Class Charlene Zirkelbach at the Naval Legal Service Office at 841-3766 ext. 200.

At the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, contact Lt. Brian Engesser. At Offi-This year the tax program cer Training Command-Newagain needs top-quality volun- port contact Lt. Rob McDo-





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By CAPT. G. NAYLOR

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Dental X-rays or radiographs provide important information about your overall oral health. Radiographs allow the dentist to evaluate areas that can't be seen with the naked eye, such as the underlying

#### **Naval Dental** Center Northeast

bone, the roots of the teeth, and unerupted teeth.

In certain cases, radiographs can identify a condition at an early stage before you experience any signs and symptoms that something is wrong. Some patients have questions concerning the need for dental radiographs and whether there are any health risks associated with them. It is the purpose of this article to answer these questions.

X-radiation is a form of radiation that can penetrate many materials including bone and soft tissue. X-rays can expose photographic films, so by placing a film in the mouth and exposing the film to X-radiation shows the dentist the current condition of your teeth and bone.

When a radiograph is taken more X-rays are absorbed by dense structures like teeth and bone, and less dense structures like the cheeks and gums absorb less radiation. The Xrays that pass through these structures create an image on the film. Dense structures like the teeth appear lighter because fewer X-rays reach the film; less dense structures like the gums appear darker because more X-rays pass through to the film.

Dental X-ray examinations involve very low doses of radiation, which makes the risk of harmful effects extremely small. Only a small part of the body is exposed to radiation during a dental X-ray examination. Limiting the size of the Xray beam and using a lead precautions apron are employed to minimize the risk of X-ray exposure and increasing its safety.

Many diseases of the teeth and surrounding structures can't be seen when your dentist examines your mouth. The X-ray examination may reveal small areas of decay between

malities, and sometimes, tumors that otherwise might not be seen.

radiographs after dental

the teeth, infections in the reviewing your dental history ommend a full mouth series of recall visits varies according to bone, developmental abnor- and possibly after examining radiographs to determine the age, risk for disease, and signs your mouth. Based on this status of the hidden areas of and symptoms of disease. information, the dentist can determine which radiographs The dentist will recommend are needed. If you are a new later. patient, the dentist may rec-

your mouth and to help ana- New films may be needed to lyze changes that may occur identify new decay, assess the

The need for radiographs on

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JUMBO SIZE — The 950-foot USNS Charlton (T-AKR 314), one of 20 large, medium-speed roll on/roll off ships for the Military Sealift Command, dwarfs Pier Two, Naval Station Newport.

# **USNS** Charlton redefines the word 'huge'

### By RICHARD ALEXANDER Navalog editor

What's gray, taller than an aircraft carrier, and can ferry an entire U.S. Army armor or air assault battalion across the Atlantic in about a week?

It's the 950-foot USNS Charlton (T-AKR 314), one of 20 rollon/roll-off cargo ships in the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command fleet. Called an LMSR, the Charlton arrived in Rhode Island waters last month and is berthed at Pier Two, Naval Station Newport, awaiting orders.

The only way to describe the Charlton is with a four-letter word: huge.

It's six-deck interior has a cargo carrying capacity of about 395,000 square feet, which is equivalent to eight football fields.

The ship's weather deck is

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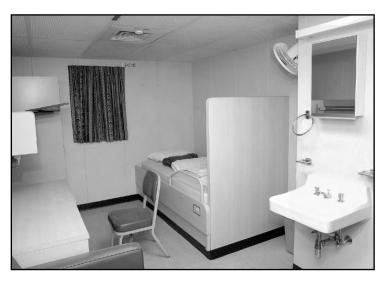
GREG JONES, first assistant engineer, checks fuel oil levels from the engine room. The ship can carry 2 million gallons.



ENTER HERE — The slewing stern ramp shows the interior cargo space of the Charlton. It makes it easy to drive vehicles on and off. The entire onload or off-load can be accomplished in 96 hours or less.

WIDE OPEN SPACES-Capt. John Gandy, center, commanding officer, and invited guests walk the broad weather deck of the **USNS** Charlton stenciled with a helicopter landing pad. The ship's twin 110ton single pedestal cranes are at top right, and the Pell Bridge is in the distance, left.

> Ron Fontaine/ **U.S. Navy photos**



PRIVATE COMFORT — A standard merchant marine crewman's quarters feature private head, berth and desk, left.



### **Charlton**

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level with the flight decks of tract to the the decommissioned aircraft Sealift Comcarriers Forrestal and Saratoga m a n d on Pier One. Its bridge is 105 which is the feet high and looks down on ocean transthe masts of the carriers.

The ship is more than 105 provider for feet wide and displaces 62,644 the Departtons, but it can still travel at 24 knots powered by twin 747 jet engines rated at 32,000 horsepower each.

Capt. John Gandy, commanding officer of the Charlton, heads a crew of 30 merchant marines, including five invited by NAVSTA to relocate women. They are employed by a private company under con-

portation ment Defense.

Gandy the said ship was

berthed at commercial piers in Boston on Dec. 16, but was to vacant pier space in Newport and save the Navy money. It will remain here until new orders are received, probably for the Iraq or Afghanistan theaters of operations.

Gandy said after Operation Desert Storm in 1991, the Joint Chiefs of Staff felt there was an urgent need for greater sealift capacity to transport military equipment and supplies during wartime and other contingencies.

The Charlton is basically an unarmed ship, but there is berthing for up to 50 military personnel.

called 'guardian in 1951.



Capt. Gandy

marines," Gandy said, "who man 50 cal. machine guns on deck as the ship passes through high security areas or 'choke-points.'"

In its most recent mission, the Charlton delivered tons of warfighting equipment and building supplies to Kuwait, including Bradley fighting vehicles, M-1 tanks, lumber, steel and concrete.

"Though the ship is large, it has a relatively shallow draft," he said. "Unloaded, it draws 28.5 feet, but with a full load it's only 34 feet. The cargo area is also climate controlled for heat and humidity."

Greg Jones, first assistant engineer, controls fuel loading and monitors engine performance from a series of computer screens.

"At top speed we burn about 3,000 barrels of oil a day," he said. "We can carry 2 million gallons of fuel." With a full load, it can still make it to Gibraltar in about six days.

The Charlton was named after Army Sgt. Cornelius H. Charlton, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of "We have National Guards- Honor during the Korean War

AT LEFT, the wide open, unobstructed spaces show on the main deck looking forward. The ship has A through G decks linked by elevator.

#### **Naval Station Newport Dining**

#### Watch football at the clubs

Where are you going to watch the Super Bowl XXXVIII on Feb. 1?

It's the biggest game of the year and we don't want you to miss a play! That's why you will want to visit the Recreation Center in Building 656 or the Topside Pub at the Officers' Club to cheer on your favorite team as they vie for the top gridiron honors.

Watch the battle for the bowl title live from Houston, Texas, on three flat screen televisions at the CPO Lounge; or on two big screens at the Enlisted Lounge, both in the Recreation Center.

The Recreation Center will have a SUPER complimentary buffet starting at the end of the first quarter until end of half to 11 p.m., Monday to Saturday time, \$1 domestic house drafts (16 oz.) and giveaways.

The Officers' Club invites you to enjoy the game on a dozen televisions in the Topside Pub. A SUPER complimentary half time buffet, free peanuts and popcorn, and \$2 domestic house drafts (16 ounce) are offered.

bowl football pool – one square per person, sign up beginning on Feb. 1 in the Topside Pub. The grand prize is an O'Club Jacket, and quarterly prizes include O'Club ball caps & other fun items.

The Enlisted Club opens at noon and the CPO Lounge and Topside Pub at the Officers' Club will open at 4 p.m.; the game kicks off at 6:25 p.m.

Don't miss the best Super Bowl bash around. Grab your friends and head over to your favorite destination! For more information, call 841-3054 for Recreation Center or 849-3693 for Topside Pub.

#### Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

Today: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, buffetstyle selections.

Tonight: Kick-off the weekend with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub from 5 to 7 p.m. Order your favorite beverage or something from the pub menu, available until an hour before closing.

Saturday: Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until one hour before closing.

#### **Enlisted** Lounges

(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

Hours of operation: The Enlisted Club is open 11 a.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The CPO Lounge is open Monday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., and by request\* on the weekend.

\*The CPO Lounge will be open on the weekend, by request only for a minimum of 20 people or with a sales guar-There also will be a super antee of at least \$200. The Lounge may also be reserved for catered events. Requests to open must be submitted by Monday for the following weekend.

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New Englandstyle clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

Also, enjoy complimentary unlimited use of the pool tables from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Tonight:** Kick off the week-

#### end with a rockin' good time! Head over to the Recreation

day and kick off the weekend with a fabulous TGIF party! Starting at 5 p.m., you are invited to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, sip refreshing beverages, and listen to the coolest tunes, spun by a rock-

Center, Building 656, every Fri-

ductions." This is the perfect way to unwind after a long week, so mark your calendar, tell your friends and get ready to kick off the weekend at the Recreation Center. For more infor-

ing DJ from "Get With it Pro-

mation, call 841-3054. Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Pub menu available from 1 to 9

Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m., Pub menu available until one hour before closing.

#### **Ney Hall Galley**

(Building 292, phone 841-4450)

All hands welcome

Weekdays: breakfast, 6 to 7:15 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: breakfast, 6:30 to 8 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: breakfast 8:30 to 10 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m. Call for daily menus and meal charges.

#### **Blimpie's Subs** and Salads

(Navy Exchange Main Build-

Lunch and dinner menu, dine-in or take out. No home delivery. Open NEX hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **Heah Promotion Department**



### Let us help you quit smoking, lose weight

resolutions to quit tobacco use or to lose weight? Are you want or need support to keep that resolution?

The Health Promotion Department at Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport is ready to assist.

Two tobacco cessation programs, each consisting of four one-hour weekly sessions, are being offered. Program one began Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at NACC, and program two will begin Jan. 13, at noon at Gym 109.

In addition, two new Ship-Shape programs, a comprehensive lifestyle Weight Man-

Did you make a New Year's of eight one-hour weekly sessions.

Program one will start Jan. ready to make a change and 13, 6 p.m., at NACC and program two begins Jan 14, noon, at Gym 109.

> All Health Promotion Programs are open to active duty and retired military personnel, family members and Department of Defense employees. Class size is limited, so call 841-6777 early to enroll.

New in early 2004, "PREventing DIABETES. Fasting Blood Sugar levels of 100-plus equal Pre-Diabetes and over 20 million Americans have it. Are you "pre-diabetic" or at risk? Only you can PREvent DIAagement Program, will be BETES. Take charge today! offered. This program consists Call 841-6777 for details.

#### TRICARE corner

### Postman can deliver prescriptions to your door

tary Health Services, Inc., the Worry no more. Have your pre- hood drugstore. In most cases, TRICARE administrator for scriptions delivered to your TRICARE Northeast, presents door by your mailman. this information concerning your mail order pharmacy macy (TMOP) and Express cy.

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#### **Bowling**

(Building 656, 841-4293) Seaview Bowling Center, Building 656, announces the following winter operating schedule: Monday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Rock and Bowl, every other Saturday, 8 to 11

For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293, during business hours.

#### Specials:

- Rock and Bowl: Every other Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is just \$7 per person. Bowl a strike when the head pin is red and you will win a prize! It's rocking, it's rolling, it's bowling and it's a blast! Rock and Bowl Night is tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 10.
- hour from 1 to 7 p.m. for two people.
- Bowling birthday parties available Saturdays and Sundays and include reserved with or without bumpers. A party table with chairs is also included. Cost is and will be accepted Monday just \$5 for each child, including shoe rental.
- Bumper bowling is always available.

#### Youth/special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

• Youth fitness program: Eligible youth wishing to utilize Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department fitness facilities (Gym 109 and FITNESS Plus) are required to take a mandatory resistance and aerobics training class prior to entering the facilities during the designated times.

This class is required for vouth ages 10 to 15, and is also available for 16 and 17-yearolds that may also choose to participate in the fitness assessment program instead.

The Youth Fitness Class is available on an individual basis by pre-registering at Gym 109 or FITNESS Plus in Building 355. Parents are required to be in the building where the course is being held during all class sessions.

Complete details on this program and youth fitness policies are available at Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for information or to pre-register.

#### **Gymnasium**

(Gym 109, 841-3154 or FIT-Winter Bowling Hours: The NESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

Massage therapy offered at Fitness Plus: Need to reduce muscular aches & pains? Or do you want to feel more relaxed? A massage therapist will be available at Fitness Plus, Building 355. Body-Wise Therapeutic Massage will be offering a variety of services. Pick from Swedish relaxation massage, sports massage, trigger-tender point therapy or deep tissue massage.

Techniques may be combined to best suit your needs. The prices for massages are: \$35 for a half-hour and \$65 for a full hour. For questions on massages, call 848-9825. For an appointment, call Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

Intramural basketball: The • Sunday special is \$7 an Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League is scheduled Jan. 12 to March 19 and is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and Department of Defense civilians ages 18 and over.

> Registration is underway through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gym 109 until Friday, Jan. 30. The league is divided into age categories for players 18 and over and 35 and over and games are played Monday through Friday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 on Courts 1 and 3.

> There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians and teams are limited to four DoD participants. All teams are required to pay a \$100 refundable forfeit fee, and teams must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game.

For more information, call the Athletic Office at 841-7196.

#### Aerobics/ exercise

(FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

Current hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

New Yoga sessions to start in January: Stressed out with your daily routine? Looking for something to help you relieve stress and relax?

Then you will want to register today for the next session of "Vinyasa," a dynamic yoga Freaky Friday (PG) and Cabin class beginning Wednesday, Fever (R).

from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. at Fitness Plus, Building 355. This class is designed for the active individual and takes participants through a series of poses with particular emphasis on using breath to guide movement. Students will learn the Ujjayi breathing technique and proper posture alignment while enjoying a vigorous cardiovascular workout. Special towards postures that aid in athletic activities.

Kristen Wilkes, a certified Yoga instructor and a licensed dietician at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, will teach. The six-week session costs \$60 and classes are held in the Aerobics Room at Fitness Plus. A minimum of 10, pre-registered participants is needed for classes to begin and all participants must have a yoga mat by the first class. Participants under 18 must have a parental consent form, which can be picked up at Gym 109 or Fitness Plus

For more information, call Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

#### Computer Café

(Building 656, 841-2194)

•Personal computers available seven days a week to send and receive email, surf the web, play games — all at no Open Monday charge. through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. Food menu available from the Recreation Center kitchen.

#### Music/games

(Building 656, 841-3054)

- Lunchtime BINGO, Thursday and Friday only. Three regular games each day with \$30 prizes for every BINGO called. Jackpot game begins at 12:30 p.m.
- •The next Karaoke night will be Saturday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Showcase your talents with golden oldies, country hits, and of course, today's top tunes, beginning at 8 p.m. No cover charge, open to all hands. Offered every other Saturday night.

#### **Naval Station** movies

•Recreation Center: The following movies are shown upon request beginning tonight:

#### Information, Tickets and Travel

#### Jan. 21. The class will meet U.S. Hot Rod Monster trucks jam at The Dunkin Donuts Center

The U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam is back at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I., racing hard and crushing cars like you've never seen!

The MWR Information, Tickets & Travel Office at Building 656 has discounted tickets for the 8 p.m. performance on Friday, Feb. 27 and the 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, Feb. 28. The legendary lineup features Gravedigger, Gun Slinger, Black Stallion and the Latin sensation El Toro Loco.

Also featured will be four-wheel ATV action of the Quad Wars and impressive aerial motorcycle stunts of freestyle motocross. attention will be directed Tickets are priced at \$11.50 per person.

#### **Broadway musicals** offered in Providence

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office in Building 656 has tickets available for the following Broadway musicals coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center in Providence.

Seating is located in the orchestra section for the Sunday matinee performances of the following shows:

Mama Mia, April 4, 1 p.m., \$58

The Graduate, April 18,2 p.m. \$50.75

Starlight Express (music of Andrew Lloyd Webber), May 23, 2 p.m., \$49.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and due to the limited number of tickets available, the Information, Tickets & Travel Office reserves the right to limit quantities.

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Naval Academy quarterback Craig Candeto heads upfield with Texas Tech linebacker John Saldi in pursuit during the Houston Bowl at Reliant Stadium on Dec. 30. The Midshipmen lost, 38-14, to cap an 8-5 season.

# Navy's 'dream season' ends at Houston Bowl

end quite the way U.S. Naval at Reliant Stadium. Academy players and fans hoped it would Dec. 30.

After enjoying what may have been the most magical season of U.S. Naval Academy football since the days of Roger Staubach, optimism abounded among academy players, coaches and alumni heading into the Midshipmen's first bowl game appearance since would win eight games and go

But that confidence appar-Tech quarterback B.J. Symons.

Symons, the leader of the nation's top air attack, coming season in Division 1-A hisvictory over the Midshipmen for the first time since 1996. In man.

For Navy (8-5), the loss put an end to their remarkable turnaround season. As disappointing as it may have been, Navy head coach Paul Johnson still rates the season as a success story for the Academy.

"I'm proud of (my players)," Johnson said. "If anyone had said before the season that we to a bowl game after where we've been, everyone on this ently had no effect on Texas team would have taken it, even if it meant losing the last game in Houston."

It's easy to see why they pleted the most prolific pass- would have been quick to accept that fate. Academy foottory by throwing for 497 yards ball experienced a thrilling and four touchdowns in lifting resurgence in 2003, with the

HOUSTON (NNS) — It didn't in the EV1.Net Houston Bowl fact, their eight regular season victories equaled the number of wins in the previous four campaigns combined.

> Along the way came the school's first Commander-in-Chief's trophy since 1981 and a 34-6 blowout triumph over archrival Army.

The significance of the season wasn't lost on Navy players either.

"We should be proud of where we are right now," Navy quarterback Craig Candeto said. "Obviously we're disappointed with the loss and all the guys have their heads down, but when we reflect on the season we have a lot to be proud of."

The Navy senior ran for 90 yards and both touchdowns in the Red Raiders (8-5) to a 38-14 team seizing a winning record his last game as a Midship-

# Reservists earn full privileges at commissaries

By BONNIE POWELL

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, VA.— All over America, Guard and Reserve personnel are burning their 'little pink cards."

The signing of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act signaled unlimited shopping privilege for Reserve component members and their families. It also signaled the end of issuing, tracking and checking off those little pink Commissary Privilege

Previously, Reserve component personnel and their families were allowed 24 commissary shopping days per calendar year; and they had to have their privilege cards initialed at the commissary each day they shopped.

"Thanks to Congress and the Department of Defense for bringing full-time commissary shopping to the total force," said Patrick Nixon, deputy director of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). Nixon noted that special thanks should go to those in Department of Defense (DoD) whose quick actions gave Guard and Reserve members unlimited commissary shopping in time to enjoy holiday savings.

"It's a long overdue and significant benefit enhancement for Guard and Reserve," said Joe Barnes, national executive secretary for the Fleet Reserve member of the Defense Commissary Agency Patron Coun-

"We think it's a great deal," said Col. James Scott, director of individual and family supcomponent, in the Office of the year," added Moffett.

the Secretary of Defense. "It also relieves the personnel center staffs and unit commands from a very expensive administrative burden in controlling and issuing the Commissary Privilege Approximately 1.2 million Guard and Reserve personnel and their authorized family members can now save an average of 32 percent or more over commercial grocery prices — every day if they wish. A family of four can save more than \$2,700 per year with regular commissary shopping.

Members of the Retired Reserve are also included in the extended benefit, adding about another 200,000 happy shoppers. These "gray area retirees" were not formerly entitled to unlimited commissary shopping until they reached age 60.

"Although we've recently seen many Guard and Reserve members with unlimited privileges due to activation," said DeCA Consumer Advocate Bonita Maffett, "the extra traffic does not really impact the ability of commissaries to handle increased customer shopping. The average customer generally only shops twice a month, and since they are spread out all over the country the impact is very low at any one commissary." DeCA operates 275 commissaries worldwide.

"The major benefit for Association. Barnes is also a Guard and Reserve members now is the convenience of being able to make a quick stop at the commissary to buy a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, or diapers and baby food, without worrying about runport policy for the reserve ning out of shopping trips for

#### Meetings/reunions

#### Retired Enlisted to meet

The Narragansett Bay Chapter of The Retired Enlisted Association's board of directors will meet Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 15 in East Greenwich.

The regular members meeting will follow at 10 a.m. Volunteer to help make your chapter one of the

For more information, call President Tom O'Connell at 322-

#### Announcements

#### **DIILS relocates**

The Defense Institute for International Studies (DIILS) has moved to a newly renovated facility at 441 Elliot Ave. next to its former loca-

The telephone numbers remain the same: 841-1524 and fax 841-4570. DSN is still 948.

The email addresses have changed: The new format is last name, first initial @diils.dsca.mil. For example, *DoeJ@diils.dsca.mil* 

#### **Special Olympics** seeks volunteers

Special Olympics Rhode Island is seeking volunteers as instructors/coaches for the Alpine Ski and Snowboard program. The program will be held Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Yagoo Ski Area, Exeter, Rhode Island.

The program runs from the first week of January finishing with the State Winter Games at Yagoo on Feb. 14.

For information on how to join this program contact Carla Sweeney, SORI Alpine Skiing Director. Email: CandBSweeney@msn.com

#### **NEX** revises hours of store operations

In a continuing effort to enhance customer service and make

the stores more convenient to shop, the Navy Exchange (NEX has further expand hours of operation, Robin Joseph, NEX general manager has announced.

Additionally, the hours will be more standardized making it easier for patrons to remember, he said.

- -NEX Uniform Shop will close Saturdays at 5 p.m., instead of 4 p.m..
- NEX Home Mart is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It previously was closed.
- NEX Package Store opens Sundays from 10
- NEX Barber Shop is open until 6 p.m., and Sundays until 5 p.m.

#### Thrift Shop open to naval reservists

Naval reservists in a drilling status, who can provide a copy of orders that describe their obligation, will be allowed Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop privileges.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the staff can hold a copy of the reservist's orders on station for easy referral.

Access to certain items such as uniforms will be subject to restrictions as necessary to ensure sufficient inventory for active duty personnel. This policy is in effect immediately.

#### Thrift Shop accepts clothing, but no toys

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop only accepts clothing in good condition. We cannot accept toys, torn or stained cloth goods, large appliances and items not in work-

are indeed meant for the Thrift Shop. Bags of for information and appointments.

trash and other unmentionables have been placed in the bin and this creates a very unsan-severity of gum disease, or possibly might be pregnant. itary and unhealthy environment for our volunteers, as well as for our patrons.

#### Get some help kicking the habit

The Health Promotion Department has scheduled four-week Smoking Cessation programs this month.

The dates are:

- Jan. 15, 22 and 29 at noon at Gym 109
- Jan. 15, 22 and 29 at 6 p.m. at NACC New-

For More information or to sign up for a session call Health Promotion at 841-6777

#### Rigger leader job opening

The Public Works Department of Naval Station Newport is recruiting for a rigger leader, WL-5210-10, said Pat Martin, Personnel Management Specialist HRO Newport Operations.

Employees who are interested in applying for this position should follow the procedures in vacancy announcement GRO-OC-0159 on www.donhr.navy.mil.

Applicants should apply by today.

#### **Primary Care implements** new check-in, check-out

In efforts to expedite quality service to our patrons, the Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport has implemented a new patient check-in, check-out policy for its Primary Care services.

The check-in desk is located on the first floor in the Primary Care area. This check-in point is for patients of all Primary Care services, including Pediatrics.

The checkout desk is now located at the former Pediatric Clinic Desk, where patients can make follow-up appointments or receive information regarding other services and resources.

For more information, call the Nurse Telemanagement Line at 841-6180.

#### **Newport Commissary** changes patron hours

In a continuous effort to better meet customer shopping needs, the Commissary Store at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport has revised its hours of operation. They are as follow:

Monday, closed

Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **NLSO** has relocated

The Naval Legal Service Office North Central Branch

Office at Naval Station Newport has moved

Building 360 North to the opposite side of the same building, 360 South, and is now co-located with the Naval Justice School, Lt. Sean Cogley, NLSO Branch Head, has announced.

Hours and services will remain the same and Please inspect your bags and make sure they the telephone number remains 841-3766 x200

#### Dental

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their oral structures are growing and changing, and it may be necessary to evaluate the growth, development, and eruption of the permanent

Pregnant women must tell the patient. the dentist that they are or

evaluate the status of growth Dental X-ray examinations are and development. Children limited to the head and neck may need radiographs more region and the dentist should often than adults may because discuss whether X-rays are necessary. Although it is most desirable to avoid all radiation during pregnancy, if dental treatment is necessary, radiographs may be needed to accurately diagnose and treat

### **Public Works**

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the combined efforts of NAVS-TA and NUWC.

 Demand Side Management Phase 1 base-wide energy conservation project was awarded in August 2003. This \$2 million project will provide energy improvements in 70 buildings. This phase of the project is expected to generate over \$500,000 in annual energy savings and is eligible for \$400,000 in rebates from Narragansett Electric Co.

#### **Public Works:**

- Completed over 9,600 service calls
- Completed over 1,350 work requests
- Performed over 1,400 preventive maintenance equipment services
- pounds of steam

Resident Officer in Charge of Construction:

- Completed improvement work valued at \$50 million.
- design/construction projects valued at \$90 million includ-

School (SWOS) Applied Instruction Building: a \$14 million Design/Build project to construct three story academic, trainers and classroom facility.

- NUWC Unmanned Undersea Combat Vehicle Laboratory: \$9 million Design/Build project to construct a threestory research and development laboratory.
- Perry Hall Renovation/Firing Range: a \$6.5 million project to complete interior and exterior renovation and to upgrade indoor firing range.
- Repair bearing piles, Pier Two: a \$3.4 million project to repair over 400 concrete structural pilings for Pier Two.
- · Fire, Police and Security • Produced over 550 million Building/gate improvements: \$11 million Design/Build project to construct new Fire, Police and Security Facility facility and security improvements at Gates 11 and 2.
- Child Development Center: • Managed 40 active a Design/Build project to construct a new Child Development Center, with site improvements and child play-Surface Warfare Officers ground area, at Prichard Field.

#### Special events

#### Think skiing with Sno-Jam '04

Join Commander, Navy Region Northeast (CNRNE) for Sno-Jam 2004 at Berkshire East Ski Resort in Charlemont, Mass., from Jan. 24-26.

Sno-Jam ski package includes: two nights of lodging, threeday and two-night lift ticket, free lessons, the CNRNE giant slalom race, the schussboomer race, Sno-Jam awards banquet and free T-shirts.

The price is \$130 per active duty and adult dependant, \$160 per reservist or retired personnel, kids stay free in parent's room and ski for half-price.

To register or for more information, call Dan Tusiski, FSO Boston at (617) 242-5672, DSN 955-4958 or email TusinskiD@cnrne.navy.mil

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#### **Cruiser deploys NUWC's Spartan**

ABOARD USS GETTYSBURG (NNS) — The guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg, which is part of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group currently deployed to the Arabian Gulf, is outfitted with a special new piece of equipment that is gaining high praise from the fleet.

The Spartan Scout, a Department of Defense (DoD) Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (ACTD), is Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, R.I.

Deployed aboard Gettysburg, it is part of the Navy's only deployed strike group, which is conducting missions in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Spartan is a modular, reconfigurable, multi-mission, highspeed, semi-autonomous unmanned surface vehicle (USV) capable of carrying payloads of 3,000 and 5,000 pounds for seven-and-11meter craft, respectively. Integrated as an expeditionary sensor and weapons system designed to be a primary "force-leveler" against asymmetric threats, it enables a battle force commander to match inexpensive threats with an appropriate response.

On its first major deployment with the fleet, the sevenmeter rigid-hull inflatable Spartan USV is being carried and controlled by Gettysburg. The on board Spartan prototype is configured with an electro-optical/infrared surveillance turret, surface search radar, digital imagery transmission suite and unmanned command and control suite.

Rear Adm. James Stavridis, commander of the Enterprise Strike Group, likens the Spartan Scout as a harbinger of transformation, much like the Wright Flyer, the Wright brothers' first powered aircraft.

As part of its mission with the carrier strike group, Spartan is demonstrating its abiliresponse to threats, such as small boats.

noted Stavridis in a recent let- influenza can happen.

ter to the trade publication Defense News. "Spartan Scout can provide surveillance in a harbor, not only for Navy ships but also U.S. Coast Guard units responsible for port security. It can be modified for mine detection or anti-submarine

'When equipped with Hellfire or Javelin missiles," Stavridis continued, "it could attack other surface vessels or conduct precision strikes ashore. And, unlike any other unmanned system, unmanned surface vessels can relay comunder the direction of the munications to aircraft, ships and submarines.'

#### Flu season well underway

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (NNS) The cold and flu season is here. This year is predicted to be one of the worst seasons for flu and the common cold.

Preschoolers can expect to have seven to 10 colds per year, and children in daycare get even more.

'Children with the common cold tend to have runny or stuffy noses, which frequently cause a lot of coughing," explained Lt. Cmdr. Carlos Villavicencio, a pediatrician at Naval Hospital Cherry Point. "The color or consistency of mucus running from the nose does not determine if it is viral or bacterial. Usually towards the end of the cold the mucus gets thicker and more colorful leading to a harsher cough. The cough frequently lasts seven to 10 days but may last up to 14 days."

The common cold and flu tend to cause a fever during the first four days. The height of the fever depends on the child and the virus. Parents should treat the fever if it affects the child's ability to eat and sleep or if there is a history of febrile seizures. Fevers that do not respond to acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin) are more likely to be bacterial and may require antibiotics.

The flu is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. It attacks the respiratory ties as a force protection asset tract (nose, throat and lungs). by providing an effective Unlike the common cold, with asymmetric influenza the child tends to get more fatigue, and aches and "Spartan Scout meets a need pains. Anyone can get the flu, for ship force protection," and serious problems from



MINI PATROL - The Spartan Scout, foreground, an unmanned surface vehicle patrols Mayport, Fla., last May with the cruiser USS Gettysburg to rehearse an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration in the Arabian Gulf last November. The seven-meter long Spartan was developed by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport.





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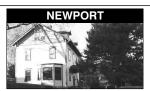








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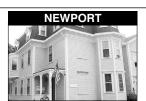














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